

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

An apparatus and process for forming a coating on a substrate, including ~~a fluidising chamber for establishing a fluidised-bed comprising~~ having a fluidising gas and a powder coating composition, ~~means for immersing the substrate wholly or partly in the fluidised bed, the substrate being either electrically isolated or earthed, providing an electrically conductive electrode, to which a voltage is applied, positioned to influence the extent to which charged particles adhere to a region of the substrate, means for applying the voltage to the electrode, means for withdrawing the substrate from the fluidised-bed and means for forming the adherent particles into a continuous coating over at least part of the substrate.~~ The ~~the~~ apparatus ~~being is~~ arranged and the process is conducted such that the maximum potential gradient existing in the fluidised bed is below the ionisation potential of the fluidising gas. ~~Also disclosed is a process for forming a coating on a substrate employing this apparatus.~~